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PRO-AXIS PROPAGANDA IN HARLEM

Fascist Agents Seek to Promote Appeasement
Sentiment and Race Hatred Among Negroes

For the past three months fascist agents have been conducting a vigorous campaign in Harlem to promote pro-Axis and anti-Semitic propaganda among the Negro people. The purpose of such Fifth Column activity, which seeks unscrupulously to capitalize upon legitimate grievances of the Negroes, is to split Americans into opposing camps, white against black, and thus to weaken the country as a whole and hamper its defense effort.

Reid, Jordan and De Killer

Arthur Reid, president of the African Patriotic League, is one of the key organizers of the fascist drive in Harlem. Twice a week he addresses large meetings, at which he unsmilingly declares that Adolph Hitler offers the only solution for the Negro people. Reid tells his listeners that the Jews are responsible for the present war and urges them to rid the United States of these "Red Internationalists." Under Reid's supervision, the African Patriotic League distributes Christian Front and pro-Nazi publications. His stormtroop band holds regular, secret meetings at West 135th Street.

Another outstanding fascist propagandist and expert rabble-rouser is Robert Jordan. He speaks under the auspices of the Ethiopian Pacifist League, Inc. The League formerly had an anti-fascist program but with Jordan's adept guidance it developed into a pro-Axis group. Jordan works closely with the Japanese. He periodically visits the Japan Institute, 630 Fifth Avenue, which is registered with the State Department as a propaganda agency for Tokyo. Jordan is an ardent exponent of the Nipponese cause in the Far East, and his speeches are filled with such statements as the following:

"The Japanese is the friend of the Negro. Racially we are both the same. Japan has no territorial ambitions in Africa. It wants to live in peace with the black man. Japan has done wonders for China. It has fought Communism and it has fought the British. We nationalist Negroes are fighting them both."

Jordan proves invaluable to a number of anti-democratic

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organizations. Last week at 116th Street and First Avenue he addressed a meeting called by the Christian Peace Committee, an affiliate of the Christian Front. He is a regular speaker at other Christian Front gatherings. Recently he started collaborating with the America First Committee; and at one of his last meetings, for which the America First Committee supplied a guest speaker, Jordan declared: "I am going to see to it that we have in Harlem an America First Committee branch."

A third outstanding Negro Fifth Columnist, who specializes in betraying the interests of his people, is Ras de Killer. De Killer advocates Japanese control of the whole of Asia. Like Jordan, he is in favor of transplanting all American Negroes to Africa. He tells his followers that the Jews are responsible for all their hardships and does whatever he can to prevent Negroes from joining labor unions and other progressive organizations.

"Anti-War" Propaganda

The propaganda which is being fed into Harlem by a variety of anti-democratic organizations concentrates on building anti-British and anti-Soviet sentiment among the Negroes. Every leaflet and every street meeting agitates for an intensified effort to prevent aid to England and Russia. The residents of Harlem are being told that the war is a "white man's war", that "Jewish warmongers" are behind it and that the fate of the Negro people is in no way tied up with the fate of the democracies.

A number of progressive Negro organizations are diligently combatting the subversive activities of the fascist agents. While exposing the true character of the pro-Axis propaganda and branding its exponents among Negroes as traitors, these organizations stress the necessity for increased democratic rights and greater economic security for Negroes in this country.

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NAZI-UKRAINIANS PROMISED "DIPLOMATIC POSTS"

To encourage fascist Ukrainian agents in the United States and stimulate their Fifth Column activities, representatives of Hitler's government are offering "diplomatic" and "consular" posts to various members of the ODNU and Hetman, twin Nazi-Ukrainian bands. The posts are being assigned in connection with the German-controlled "independent Ukraine" which the Nazis promise they will soon create.

The Hour can name the following as among those Ukrainian-American Fifth Columnists promised political jobs by the Nazis: Longin Cehelsky, to be Ukrainian Ambassador in Washington; Luke Myshuha, to be Minister Counselor of the Embassy; Bohdan Katamay, Eugene Skotzko, and Walter Blondyn, to be Secretaries of the Embassy. The fact that Blondyn was recently released from jail in Akron, Ohio, after serving a sentence of eighteen months, apparently makes him all the more suitably equipped for Nazi diplomacy.

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PRO-NAZI EMISSARY FROM GREECE

On August 9 Konstan Kotzias, former governor of Athens, arrived in New York City. Depicting himself as a representative of the Greek people, he said he intended to arrange conferences with President Roosevelt, Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia and other prominent Americans. He spoke of his deep and sympathetic interest in the cause of democracy.

It happens that Konstan Kotzias has long been a confirmed Fascist. He was a strong supporter of the Metaxas regime in Greece and, as such, he endorsed the use of force against liberal and progressive Greeks who opposed Metaxas' dictatorship. He eulogized the Italian Fascists and, on one occasion, ordered the imprisonment of Greek students who objected to the persecution of their fellow-countrymen by Mussolini's henchmen in the Dodecanese Islands.

After Adolph Hitler seized power in Germany, Kotzias won the reputation of being the leading pro-Nazi among Greek politicians. He developed a close personal friendship with Der Fuhrer and was periodically his guest at Berchtesgaden. He was also on intimate terms with other Nazi bigwigs, in whose company he was often photographed. He maintained a notoriously close relationship with the German Legation in Greece.

Kotzias Mission in U.S.

When the Third Reich invaded Greece, Konstan Kotzias could have remained at his post with absolute impunity, continuing faithfully to serve the Nazis as he had in the past. Why then did he come to the United States?

It is clear that Kotzias' visit to this country is not inspired by any affection for democracy. On the contrary; his activities in the United States merit the strict attention of the FBI and the Immigration Division of the Department of Justice.

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CHILDREN IN GERMAN MUNITION PLANTS

The Hour learns that, because of a growing shortage of manpower, the Nazis are forcing boys and girls to work in munition factories in the Third Reich. The work, which involves the handling of high explosives, is in itself extremely dangerous; and to this danger is added the intensified bombing attacks from the Royal Air Force and the Red Air Force. The Nazis are making the parents sign statements before their children are taken from them. The statements declare that the children are

going into munition plants with the complete approval of the parents and that if any accidents should occur the parents will not expect to collect any compensation from the State.

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JOSEPH P. KAMP ISSUES CHART

Joseph P. Kamp, director of the so-called Constitutional Educational League, is a fifth columnist with a unique racket. His speciality is "exposing the Real Fifth Column." He has written three booklets in which he professes to uncover subversive activities in the United States. The booklets, which are entitled The Fifth Column in Washington, The Fifth Column In the South, and The Fifth Column vs. the Dies Committee, are sold by fascists in every part of the country. The proceeds go to author Kamp.

Fifth Columnist Kamp has now published a chart which supposedly depicts "the Fifth Column Conspiracy in America." The chart deals mainly with "Communist-front" organizations. "Subversive" publications are listed. Among the latter The Hour is mentioned.

The Hour has carried several reports exposing the fascist activities of Joseph P. Kamp. He has maintained the closest of associations with Nazi agents in the United States and has distributed large amounts of anti-labor and anti-Semitic literature. Until 1937 he was executive director and publisher of the anti-democratic magazine, Awakener. Fifth Columnists regard him as one of their key journalists and are highly amused at his racket of "exposing the Fifth Column."

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GOEBBELS PROPAGANDA

Following the Goebbels propaganda technique of blaming the war on the Jews, professional anti-Semites and pro-Nazis are distributing in New York City a small printed circular headed, "Jews Are The War Makers!" The contents of the circular consist of various forged quotations which "prove" that only American Jews want to stop the aggressive acts of the Axis powers. This poem, Streicher-like in its decadence, is featured:

"American mothers, what saps you are,
Exchanging your boys for a tinselled star
So when dead sons come home to you,
Remember they died to save the Jew."

The circular carries the slogan, "American Christians Wake Up!" Significantly enough, this slogan was originally coined by the German-American Bund.

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